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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Albert W. Paladini

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,22,23,34,35,37 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21,24-33,36,38,39,41 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 2-5, filed 11/11/05, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of 8/11/05 has been withdrawn. A new rejection follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 22, 23, 34, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Braun (6272950).

In (C1, L43-67) Braun discloses a method and system for controlling a system with a motorized pump, where a control signal calculated by means of a setpoint input is provided to the motor drive in order to get the system to the desired operating point.

4. Claims 1, 22, 23, 34, and 35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Benedict (6463748).

In (C11, L7-16) and from (C12, L48) to (C13, L4), Benedict discloses an apparatus and method for controlling a chiller, where control signals form the OC205

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are used to adjust the motor drive and speed in order to control the error band around the setpoint objectives.

5. Claims 37 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaneda (6592192).

In figure 3, and in (C4, L21-41), Kaneda discloses a control system with a diagnostic circuit 23 to determine operating conditions of a pump in a brake pressure control system which sends a control signal to each of the pressure increasing solenoid valves, to achieve the setpoint objectives.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-21, 24-33, 36, 38, 39, 41, and 42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the art searched or the references cited disclose or teach alone or in combination the control systems and methods which include the limitations of efficiency determination, and associated ranges which further limit the base claims 1, 23, and 34.

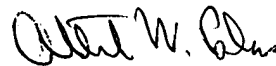
None of the art searched or the references cited disclose or teach alone or in combination the control systems and methods which include the limitations of the correlating means which further limit base claims 35, 37 and 40.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be direct to Albert W. Paladini whose telephone number is (571) 272-3748. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 to 3:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Leo P. Picard, can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



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